THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) Irrigation being a State subject, Ministry of Water Resources is not aware of any such matter.

Sambalpur Project

462. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether C.W.C. has given technical clearance for the work "Flood Embankment-cum-Ring Road" at Sambalpur Town (Orissa);

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Rehabilitation of Families affected by Sardar Sarovar Project

463. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cooperation extended by Government of Madhya Padesh for shifting of Project affected families as decided in the seventh meeting of RCNCA (Review Committee of the Narmada Control Authority) and also per orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the specific measure taken to remove such obstacle for timely implementation of the Sardar Sarovar Dam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Since the last meeting of the Review Committee for Narmada Control Authority (RCNCA) held on 13.11.96 the Resettlement & Rehabilitation (R&R) Sub-group held 9 (nine) meetings, the Rehabilitation Committee has undertaken 4 (four) Field Visits to R&R sites. Besides 3 (three) Inter-State meetings of Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat field officers to resolve operational field level difficulties coming in the way of smooth implementation of R&R programmes have been convened. Government of Madhya Pradesh Officers are attending all such meetings in connection with shifting of Project Affected Families (PAFs) and also assisting in serving of notices issued by Government of Gujarat to Project Affected Families of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Flood management for Brahmaputra River

464. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Brahamaputra Board has prepared Master Plans for flood management of Brahmaputra river covering the North-Eastern States including Assam which envisages construction of moderate to high dams on major tributaries of Brahmaputra and Undertaking schemes for prevention of erosion and drainage, congestion aimed at integrated development of Brahmaputra basin;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps being taken for implementation of these schemes?